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1. WE CANNOT RECALL (NOR DO OUR FILES REFLECT) ANY GOG STATEMENTS OR POSITIONS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS REGARDING SVALBARD OR THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS TO DELINEATE THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE BARENTS SEA. WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH US TO ATTEMPT TO ELICIT GOG VIEWS ON THIS MATTER NOW.

2. IN REPLY TO THE QUESTION POSED IN PARA TWO OF REFTTEL, THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE GOG IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE SVALBARD CONTINENTAL SHELF QUESTION VOLUNTARILY OR PUBLICLY. HOWEVER, ITS ATTITUDE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY ITS OWN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT DISPUTE ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH TURKEY, I.E. RELIANCE ON THE 1958 CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE ASSERTION THAT A NATION'S ISLANDS HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS REGARDING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AS DOES THE MAINLAND. IT SHOULD BE NOTED,

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HOWEVER, THAT GREECE EARLIER THIS YEAR PROPOSED THAT ITS

DISPUTE WITH TURKEY ON THIS ISSUE BE REFERRED TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FOR RESOLUTION.
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